

## 4-H Middle School Camp

## June 18-20, 2009

# Camp Counselor Application

## Yellowstone Alliance Adventures Youth Camp, Bozeman, MT

Application (pgs 1-4) must be postmarked April 1, 2009 and sent to the Wheatland County Office. Only individuals that will be a high school Junior or Senior Fall 2009 with prior camp counselor experience are eligible for counselor positions.

Name	Date of Birth	Age	Grade Fall 09	M/ F
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Address	City	ST	Zip
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The best way to contact me is by: ☐ Email ☐ Phone ☐ Text

Primary Phone Number Alternate Phone Number

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E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as a 4-H member: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years as a 4-H camp counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime against persons or property? (Excluding minor traffic violations).

If yes, please explain:

**MEDICAL HISTORY:** Do you have any physical conditions, which preclude you from performing certain kinds of work? If yes, please explain:

Activities I am interested in being in assisting with:

Rank each group of the following camp programs that are of interest to you and which you could give leadership. Mark your 1<sup>st</sup> (favorite), 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for GROUP 1 **AND** your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for GROUP 2.

### GROUP 1 (Sessions)

## Indoor Recreation

## Outdoor Recreation

## Nature Education

## Crafts / Arts

\_\_\_\_ Adventure Education (Geo-Cacheing)

Sports

## GROUP 2 (Activities)

\_\_\_\_ Song Leading

\_\_\_\_ Evening Program / Dances

## Campfire Activities

## \_\_\_ Inspiration and Candle Lighting

## \_\_\_\_ Flags and Citizenship

### Talent Show/ Skits

Please respond to the following:

1. Why do you want to be a camp counselor?

2. List 3 of your strongest qualities and why it makes you a good counselor candidate:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

3. List any special training or experiences (i.e. first aid certification, CPR certification, leadership training, etc.) you have had or have:

4. What do you think the role of Counselor in Training should be?

Return to:

Wheatland County MSU Extension  
201 A Ave. NW, P.O. Box 733 Harlowton, MT 59036  
**Fax:** (406) 632-4880

Each year the counselors and adult staff select a timely and fun camp theme and plan all the camp activities and programs around the theme. After giving this important topic of “theme” some thought, complete the following camp plan:

### **“My Camp Plan”**

Camp Theme:

Group/Counselor Name Ideas:

Special Program (may be / not be related to theme):

Guest Speaker Ideas:

Recreation Ideas:

All Camp Activity Ideas:

Other Suggestions:

## 4-H Counselor Requirements and Responsibilities

I will be expected to:

1. Complete the required number of training and planning hours and attend all required counselor meetings.
2. Set a good example by not using profanity or telling off-color jokes and stories.
3. Not have in my possession or use tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs while I am participating in the counselors program and at 4-H camp.
4. **Abide by the NO CELL PHONE AT CAMP policy (note: unless otherwise authorized by Extension Staff).**
5. Be a responsible counselor.
  - a) Get to know each of campers personally and by name.
  - b) Have all campers, including myself; check in any of their medications with the medical staff.
  - c) Make sure each camper uses personal hygiene.
  - d) Make sure that all of my campers are familiar with camp facilities and camp rules.
  - e) Check for illness or injury, but don't make much of a "fuss" about minor things.
6. Be in my cabin with my campers at all times between the hours of "Lights Out" and "Rise and Shine."
7. Never punish a camper by ridicule or physical punishment – patience and understanding works wonders.
8. Urge safety at all times. Take time to explain how and why to do something safely.
9. Go with hurt or sick campers to the nurse or adult no matter how minor the ailment.
10. Organize, plan, and conduct special activities.
11. See that all campers are involved in all activities. Make sure no one is excluded.
12. Guide, suggest, and develop in camp a feeling of planning and doing things together.
13. Make sure campers understand they are responsible for their own behavior.
14. Be sure that all campers know that they must remain on the camp grounds at all times.
15. Be on time at all camp activities.
16. Be flexible – plans do change.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the above responsibilities as a camp counselor. I understand and agree that I will be asked to call my parents/guardian immediately to pick me up if I conduct myself in an irresponsible manner, which includes being out of my cabin after hours and/ or the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons or fireworks.

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Signature of Counselor Candidate

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Date

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Signature of Parent / Guardian

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Date

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Phone number of guardian

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am interested in being a 4-H Camp Counselor this summer. The camping staff would like your input about my qualities to fulfill the responsibilities of a counselor. Please comment on the following topics and return this form to the Wheatland County Extension Office. The form must be returned by **April 15**. Thank you.

1. Interaction with younger members (circle one):    Excellent                      Good                      Fair                      Poor

Describe type(s) of interaction: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Club Responsibilities:

a) Offices held and performance \_\_\_\_\_

b) Completion of project work \_\_\_\_\_

c) Committee work \_\_\_\_\_

3. How would rate the applicants:                      Above Average                      Average                      Below Average

Emotional maturity / judgement                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership abilities                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Flexibility                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Communication skills                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Enthusiasm and energy                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Self-confidence                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Respect for authority                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

4. Overall Attitude: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Strengths: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Weaknesses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you recommend this 4-H'er to be a counselor? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor/ Leader Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Club Name

Advisor: Please send in this recommendation on or before **April 15, 2009** to:

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